

Time has long past that the government should be inhibiting the growth of technology. New means of communications means more choices for consumers. Our nation was founded on just this freedom. If older, out-moded means of communications fail to find new ways to stay competitive, they deserve to become extinct. Did the makers of slide-rules complain when hand-held calculators were invented? Their time had come to move on.

I believe that XM Radio and other on-demand services is what this country is ready for. If they can find a way to provide additional weather and traffic information to existing customers and continue to provide a good cost/benefit, they deserve the right to do so without governmental interference. I think we have many more problems that are more important to solve than protecting the mega-conglomerant broadcasters. They are the ones to blame for their own fate. They have automated their way toward stripping the soul out of radio. Please let free enterprise remain free.

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